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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	Application No. 10/757,167	Applicant(s) YAMAZAKI ET AL.	
	Examiner Christy L. Novacek	Art Unit 2822	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 06 January 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
 The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: _____.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: 13-52.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attached.
 12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
 13. ☐ Other: _____.

Advisory Action

This office action is in response to the proposed amendment filed January 6, 2006.

Response to Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment filed January 6, 2006 will be entered because it overcomes the objection to the specification without raising new issues that would require further search and/or consideration. Therefore, the objection to the specification stated in the previous office action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed January 6, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the rejection of claim 13 as being unpatentable over Ogawa in view of Jacobson, Applicant argues that there is allegedly no motivation to combine the Ogawa and Jacobson references. Regarding the rejection of claim 25 as being unpatentable over Yamazaki in view of Jacobson, Applicant argues that there is allegedly no motivation to combine the Yamazaki and Jacobson references. Ogawa, Yamazaki and Jacobson all disclose a process of forming a TFT integrated circuit. Jacobson specifically describes using a discharge method to form a gate layer, an insulating layer, a semiconductor layer and a source/drain layer. Jacobson states, "The transistor illustrated in FIG. 1 may be connected to other **printed** or non-printed components to form functional electronic circuits. The means of connection may, for example, be established by deposition of nanoparticle conductors and, if necessary, insulators. These circuits may be connected to other **printed** or non-printed electronic, mechanical, chemical, or

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electromechanical devices.” (emphasis added) (col. 7, ln. 3-9). Jacobson also states that the discharge method can be used to deposit layers “that may serve as conductive, semiconductive, or insulating layers, chemically active layers, or as etch resists, light barriers, diffusion barriers, passivation layers, encapsulants, or structural supports.” (col. 5, ln. 46-50). Hence, Jacobson teaches that any component of an integrated circuit can be made using his discharge method. Typical semiconductor fabrication processes involve harsh conditions such as high temperatures, caustic chemicals and inefficient subtractive processes. Jacobson teaches that using conductive nanoparticles to form the gate, source/drain layers and additional circuit components overcomes all of these problems (col. 1, ln. 32-53; col. 2, ln. 53-67; col. 5, ln. 34 – col. 6, ln. 35). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the conductive nanoparticle discharging and annealing method of Jacobson to form the gate, source/drain wiring layers and pixel electrodes of Ogawa and to form the wirings and electrodes of Yamazaki because Jacobson teaches that by using the nanoparticles, the problems of harsh and wasteful fabrication conditions can be overcome.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christy L. Novacek whose telephone number is (571) 272-1839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays 7:30 - 5:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Zandra Smith can be reached on (571) 272-2429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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